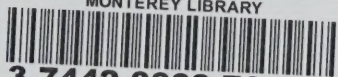


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# MONTEREY NEWS



September 1974

## OUR TOWN

### Williams College Group Completes Preliminary Work For Monterey Master Plan Project

At the February 1974 town meeting, Monterey voted \$2,000 in town funds to be used toward the development of a Master Plan to guide community growth. At the suggestion of Dr. Andrew Sheffey, Monterey summer resident and landowner who is a member of the faculty of the University of Massachusetts, preliminary research for this plan was begun in March by students from the Center for Environmental Studies of Williams College, under the supervision of the Center's director, Professor Scheaffe Satterthwaite.

This initial research project was completed at no cost to the town. The report is on file with the Monterey Planning Board. Copies have also been delivered to Dr. Sheffey. He, in turn, has given the report, along with his recommendations to the professional group in Cambridge responsible for drawing up and presenting a Master Plan for the town's consideration. It is for this work the \$2,000 was voted in February.

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### Monterey Selectmen and Electric Company Have Differing Views of Street Lighting Needs

Two representatives of the Massachusetts Electric Company met with the town Selectmen expecting to end with a more "lit up Monterey." Before the meeting was finished two hours later some rather basic differences were aired regarding whether or not the additional lighting was needed and some issues were raised over additional energy consumption.

During the height of the energy crisis last winter the Selectmen decided that some lighting in the heart of the town could be eliminated, thus saving money and energy. It was this decision that brought the issue to the fore.

Frank C. Zolli, district manager for Massachusetts Electric, thought that Monterey had a good lighting system, except that there were still some dim, 1000-watt incandescent bulbs along Route 23 that should be replaced. He said, "we're phasing them out, and once they are gone you'll never have them back."

Selectman Thomas Bradley replied, "We'd like to have those back. I think they are kind of nice." Earlier in the meeting, discussing the amount of light provided, Selectmen chairman, Richard Tryon told the representative, "Very, very few towns are lit up like the town of Monterey."

As the meeting concluded, agreement was reached that some lights would be removed and others shut off, thus cutting the total street lighting by almost 40 percent.

What really got into focus was the environmental issue of adding a bit of electricity use here and a bit there, until the total impact on a larger scale is a greatly increased demand for the utility companies to consume more energy.

As might be expected, Monterey citizens are not of one voice on the reduced street-lighting. Some feel safety is being sacrificed and feel the Selectmen acted precipitously. Others have congratulated the Selectmen on questioning the mindless increase in energy usage.

### Special Town Meeting

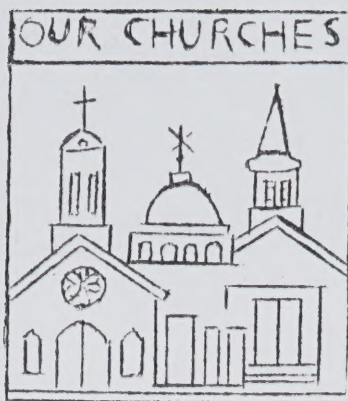
Money was the principal issue of the special town meeting called for September 24. To be more specific it dealt largely with the transfer of funds so that work could be done and bills paid. With the end of the fiscal year, unexpended funds reverted to free cash. This action was required to use the money for its intended uses.

A sum was voted for the town beach. The Conservation and Park Commissions were asked jointly to study the beach use further and bring any additional recommendations regarding use for consideration.

A sum of \$850 was voted to beautify and fence the dam area on Beartown Road. There is also a town obligation to fence a private area that was agreed upon in connection with the construction of Brewer Pond.







## CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass at the Immaculate Conception Church in Mill River each Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

The Lady of the Hills Women's Guild realized \$400.00 in profit from their bazaar. They wish to thank all the women and children who worked to make this event such a success.

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

### Notes

Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. . . .  
The Church School has its first session at 9:15 o'clock on September 29. We are exploring with

parents and children the advisability of longer, more intensive, deeper in content sessions but which meet less frequently than the every Sunday morning style we have usually followed. This is under review also with the Parish Council. . . . The Confirmation Class will have its first meeting of the fall on Sunday, October 6 at 9:15 am.

### On a Style in Church Life

We have been talking for several years about the wisdom of "letting things die that want to die." This, of course, is referring to things in the organizational life of the Church. When the time for death comes in some organizational structures, to anxiously try pumping life into it requires enormous energy, and such effort often turns out to be quite unprofitable. On the other hand, to permit "organizational death" to occur frequently opens the way for the emergence of new life forms. Over the past few years we have permitted several organizations to die. Yet new life has emerged. Witness the Prayer-Healing Group, the Friendship Group, the House Church, the Quaker Meeting group.

There are evidences of still other seeds starting to sprout: a women's consciousness group, a group that is interested in exploring alternative life-styles. What else is waiting to come to life? Do you have a concern? Is there some area affecting the human community you wish a few others might join with you in exploring? Well, if its time has come, nothing can stand in the way of its life except your own hesitation. If you would like help with some concern seeking to be born, speak to either of the ministers, Dr. Brallier or Mrs. Rose.

### 17/76 Fund Is Getting Underway

On September 23 several of our people attended a meeting in Pittsfield explaining this fund designed to raise 17 million dollars throughout our national fellowship by 1976, which will be used largely to support the six black colleges related to the United Church. Then, on November 12, the story will be told to our Parish Council. Later the story will be told to the whole church. It is anticipated that the campaign will come in the spring. You will be hearing a lot about the 17/76 Fund in the coming months.

### Kirkentag, Western Area Festival

Using a German expression to describe a special event on Sunday, October 6, seems most appropriate. The Kirkentag is a "Church Day" in which the people of an area gather in the cathedral to celebrate a special festival event. Well, we will not gather in a cathedral, but in the South Hadley Church. But festival, yes? It is an occasion for celebrating our faith and opening it up for fuller expression. Music, art, dance, drama, consciousness raising, meditation, encounter with self and others, theology, faith exploration. These and others will be the order of the day. Save the afternoon and evening of October 6 for Kirkentag.

### Southern Berkshire Fall Festival Worship

The dam at Brewer Pond is to be the site of a Fall Festival Worship for the Southern Berkshires on Sunday, October 13 at 3 pm. We anticipate that the fall foliage will still be in its glory. With all the evidences of the ecstasy and beauty in life, still the day will give strong evidences pointing toward, decay, death and the coldness of winter. It is anticipated that this intersection in nature will provide the theme for the worship. This event is being sponsored by the United Churches of Christ in the area. It is open to all who wish to participate. Bring a blanket to sit on.

## LIFE AND ITS RENEWAL (continued)

ieties. They freely predicted doom and destruction. Yet it was they, too, who were the strongest in heralding the coming of a new age of righteousness and justice. Why? How can it be that such diverse messages come from the same source? They saw God as the Lord of Life, he was both the judge and redeemer of history. Rough-hew life as we will, it seems bent on sweeping away what is false and renewing again and again that which is true. Thus, I find it hard to be ultimately discouraged about life.

Virgil V. Brallier, minister  
Monterey United Church of Christ



Officers for 1974-75 were installed at an open meeting on September 4, 1974. Marion L. Johnson and Sisters from Chelmsford was the officiating officer. She also presented 50 year certificates and pins to Ethel Warner and Beatrice Phillips and 25 year certificates and pins to Sisters Mary Wallace and Annette Nelson. Eighty members and friends representing 16 subordinate groups were present. Members from Monterey Grange presented a skit, Broadway Delight. There was a meeting on September 18 in which Pomona Deputy, Earl Bond conducted a school of instruction for the new officers. There was a short program by the Educational Aid Committee.

Mary Wallace, Lecturer

#### AVALON SCHOOL

Avalon School, in cooperation with the Bureau of Exceptional Children in Holyoke, held a picnic recently which was attended by 75 people. These are to be monthly events and consist of pony rides, swimming, field games, singing, softball, fishing and other such activities. The school is going to be cooperating in other activities to benefit exceptional children in the area. The school received an award of merit for its efforts on behalf exceptional children.

#### GOULD FARM

Late in the summer, four men, one with a family, arrived to work at the Farm. Jim Joplin drove up in his shepherd's or gypsy wagon, which he had constructed from drawings made to scale, taken from photographs. He fitted it to the body of his truck and so had a home on wheels. It has drawn admiring comments from many. Jim grew up in the vicinity of Amherst, graduating from the U. of Massachusetts. He taught geology in the U. of New Hampshire. Then he became a carpenter and cabinet maker. He came to Gould Farm because of the opportunity to work with people as well as in crafts.

John Stirling and Keith Stewart came from Great Britain. John has a married sister living in Hinsdale. Both young men had wanted to visit the United States. John grew up in Scotland and attended Agricultural College in Aberdeen. He met Keith when they worked for a year on the same farm in Herefordshire. Keith's home is 30 miles northwest of London. He worked on a farm in Devon and also one in Tring. In the spring they plan to drive to the west coast, earning their way as they go, then back home the long way around, stopping in Southeast Asia and hopefully going on to Australia and New Zealand.

In the spring, the Berkholder family, Joe, Ruth, Sherri 8, Randy F, and B.B. 4, spent several days at Gould Farm. After returning to their home in Mechanicsville, Virginia they decided to accept the Farm's invitation to make their home here. About a month ago they came to live in the Dower House. Joe grew up in the Shenandoah Valley, Ruth comes from Lancaster County in Pennsylvania. She has taught elementary school for eight years. Joe worked in Richmond in employment training as a federal grants officer to get funds for the city for this training. Joe came to Gould Farm to find a work situation not based upon competition and one that allows his family to participate with him.

Gould Farm has had one of its greatest gardens ever. Freezers filled for winter, root cellars stuffed. Out-of-doors startings have been transferred to the green house for good salads by the time the snow flies.

Rose McKee

#### STONEWALLS

A stonewall makes a fine resting place during a hike. I sit down and must about the past. There was a time when New England had a different configuration: Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard did not exist, and the coast of Maine was smoother and extended far out into the ocean. But when the last ice age moved down from the Arctic, it covered the land with an ice-sheet that was a mile thick, leaving only the last few hundred feet of Mount Washington to rise above the frozen sea. The mass of ice pressed upon the land, pushed it down, and today the old valleys remain drowned and only the erstwhile mountains of Maine are above the water level, forming a jagged coastline.

The advancing ice was merciless, loosening pebbles, rocks and boulders, forcing them ever southward. They ground against the rocks that held fast - today we can read the direction the glaciers took from the striations on the rocks that remained in place. The topsoil was swept away and deposited in terminal moraines. When the glacial advance finally came to a halt, the moraines formed the Cape and the Vineyard.

The glaciers retreated and left a barren, pockmarked landscape. Gradually, vegetation began to follow upon the retreating ice. Soil formation proceeded at a snail's pace, and even today New England soil is no more than a few inches thick. The boulders, rocks and pebbles left behind cover the surface, sinking slowly into the ground only to be thrust up again by frost. The first settlers coming from Western Europe must have been puzzled, for their homeland had not been covered by ice, and lakes and rocks as we know them here did not exist. Resourceful as they were, they used the rocks to build boundary lines and demarcate their property. They never realized that the rocks they used were not 'native', but had often been dragged for hundreds of miles by the former glaciers.

Robert Frost wrote about stonewalls. Did he see the beauty and variety of them -- marble and sandstone, basalt and schist, gneiss and granite, slate and puddingstone? Did the farmers who built the walls wonder about the diversity of the stones, so different from the local bedrock? Or is this awareness left to the leisurely hiker who plucks a smallish apple from an overgrown tree and enjoys the variety of those "erratics" on a sunfilled autumn day?

Lou Mcintosh



Life has an uncanny way of renewing itself. Many trees, when cut down to a stump, immediately send out new shoots around the trunk. A serious wound in the trunk of a tree often brings forth healing forces within the tree itself. Fall and winter comes and vegetation shows the mark of decay and death whichever way one looks, but with the return of spring life renews itself in a profusion of growth.

The persistence of life in renewing itself is a force to be reckoned with. It is not weak or timid. It is exceedingly powerful. It shows itself in almost any form of life we may care to examine.

I find myself amazed again and again at the forces of renewal within persons and within human society. Which one of us has not observed our own or another's life in disarray. It has seemed as if defeat and destruction were foregone conclusions. Then, often to our unbelieving eyes, the resurgence of life sweeps the person up until the dismal end we expected fades away.

Lately I have heard a whole spate of "doom sayers" predicting the most desolate and forbidding prospects for mankind in the next few generations. Social scientists, basing their judgements on the course that seems set for us within present tendencies, and are very pessimistic over things to come. Recognizing current developments, it would be pure foolishness to laugh of their view of the future.

Still, doom sayers have been on the scene a long time. More times than we want to admit, they have been right. Yet what of the times in which their predictions have gone far wice of the mark? Simply this, they are not able to take into account the capacity for renewal that is planted deeply within our nature.. True, there does seem to be an element of brinkmanship in our make-up. A reading of human history reveals that we seem frightfully slow to heed the things amiss that stare us in the face. The decay that was eating at the roots of the Roman Empire should have been warning enough to have thurned them all around. The sickness in the Nazi and Facist movements in the 30's and 40's of our century fairly screamed of the destructive forces within them. In both ancient and modern times there are clear instances of society rushing up to the brink and over. Sometimes social systems must capsize and cause untold human suffering before the forces of renewal can assert themselves.

In our day the breakdown of political, economic and social patterns seem to be rushing toward a destructive crescendo. The handwritings on the wall of doom are being read by increasing numbers of social scientists. A strange impotence and apathy appears to have gripped up as we head into the massive discrepancies in world population and our food supply. Our assault on the environment and its waning ability to absorb this assault is enough to make us wonder if we have gone insane. Our political cynicism and the rapid rise of military governments, our breakdown of trust, our depletion of energy sources, our crumbling social patters are plenty of reason to give us pause. Any thoughtful observer of these movements who does not sould the alarm must be charged with gross irresponsibility. So, I do not fault the many boices being raised in alarm. They can do no other. If a blind man were walking unwittingly into certain danger, any one watching and doing nothing must be charged with moral insensitivity. Anyone who understates the crisis in human affairs today must be considered both a fool and knave. We should not ignore the prophets who are warning us of the danger in our present directions. With so many read lights flashing, only the blind refuse to see.

Nevertheless, my principal concern in this article is not to become obsessed with all that is going wrong, but to remind us that the force of renewal is also a powerful factor on the human scene. It is almost always less dramatic and seldom calls as much attention to itself as the destructive forces among us.

One of the strongest current statements of the new shoots growing up out of the roots of life are the number of young people who are trying different ways of meeting their engagement with life. Not all experiments with alternative life styles are proving to be constructive, yet there is a search for the basic elements in living such as I have never witnessed in all my days. Many are trying ways of relating to the life system, so that they are less dependent on the gross artificialities and dependencies of our day. There is a powerful interest in the soil. Many of our youth are nudging us toward a greater care for the good earth. We are seeing a resurgence of involvement in the ancient crafts. There is a disdain for much of the "canned" entertainment an older generation took for granted. They are finding new meanings in life in toiling with their hands and in simple direct fellowship with fellow seekers. There is in many an openness to the spiritual dimensions of life, though they are wary of that which comes to them in institutional garb.

I would not over-idealize this movement in the youth culture. They are having their full share of false starts and dead-ends. But there is an attitude, a mood of positioning toward life that I see as evidence of the surge of life toward renewal. Even as decay is accelerating in the main-line trunks, these new shoots are coming up. Perhaps much of our present structures must yet crash to the ground, destroyed by their own decadence.

It appeared that the prophets of the Old Testament were talking out of both sides of their mouth. At one moment they were bewailing the failure and decay in their soc-

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## GIRL SCOUTS

Brownies HELP! The Brownies are in need of a leader. No troop this year unless some mothers volunteer to help.  
Juniors and Cadettes Mrs. Mary Thorn will be leading the Juniors again this year. Mrs. Ann Bynack plans on having two groups of Cadettes this year. The older Cadettes will be meeting once a month. The younger group will meet weekly. Both groups start the first week in October.

## BOY SCOUTS

Cub Scouts Meetings will start mid-October. Helper needed. There is also interest in the formation of a Weblo Troop. Anyone interested in helping out please contact Mrs. Pat

Andrus, telephone 528-2044.

Older Scouts Danny Andrus and Kenneth Heath of Monterey attended Camp Chesterwood for one week. A Junior First Aid course was given during the summer weekly meetings. Shawn Ryder, Kenneth Heath and Danny Andrus completed this course.

## 4-H CLUBS

Monterey Greenthumbs The July meeting was held at the new town beach. Thirteen boys and girls raked and cleared rocks on the beach and in the water. The August meeting was held in Greene Park. Plans are being drawn up of the dam area for a beautification project. These plans will be submitted to the selectmen for their approval. We hope to start this project shortly with the planting of some trees and shrubs.

Lick'em and Stick'em The Monterey Stamp Club has started their weekly meetings. They are held in the library basement at 7 o'clock every Wednesday. Leaders are Wally Parks and Doug Lyman.

Monterey Panhandlers This year the Panhandlers will be trying something different. Their leader, Mrs. Gail Heath feels that they have progressed enough to do their cooking by themselves. Mrs. Heath will be giving each member a recipe each week to do at home. A meeting will be held during a school vacation week for all members to go over records and cooking practices.

4-H Fair The 4-H leaders of Monterey have something to be proud of. This year we had a wonderful turn out of members at the fair. We also had trophy winners! Many many blue ribbons were won, too numerous to mention. The boys and girls who won trophies are as follows: Shawn Ryder, a trophy for outstanding photography exhibitor and one for outstanding junior demonstrator. Kristine Heath, a trophy in Junior Western fitting and showing, a trophy in open trail western, a trophy in outstanding conservation exhibitor. Susan Andrus a trophy in Junior English equitation. Kenny Heath, Jr. won an SPCA Gentle Hands award for swine exhibition. The Monterey Roadrunners 4 H Horse Club won a first prize ribbon for their club exhibits.

Boys and girls who entered hall exhibits are as follows: Kenny Heath, Kristine Heath Wendy Bynack, Shawn Ryder, Susan Heath, Mary-Theresa Heath, Warren Thompson, Catherine O'Connor, Marybeth O'Connor, Susan O'Connor, Margaret O'Connor, Dennis O'Connor, Susan Andrus, Jon Andrus, Danny Andrus and Ricky Andrus.

Barrington Fair 4-H Achievement Banquet Monterey 4-H members invited to the banquet were Kristine Heath for poultry, Shawn Ryder for photography and conservation, and Susan Heath for dog care and training.

Monterey Roadrunners On October 8 a regular horse meeting will be at Mr. Heath's home and it will be a picnic. Election of officers for the coming year will be held. This will be the first meeting of the 4-H year and anyone interested in joining the horse group may come or contact Mr. or Mrs. Heath.

On October 13 at 12 noon there will be a horse show sponsored by the Monterey Roadrunners. Entry forms can be picked up at different stores around town. Place to be announced at a later date. Lois Ryder

## PHILERGIANS

At our last meeting in June officers for the year '74-'75 were elected: President, Marie Brallier; Vice-president, Betty Peterson; Secretary, Evelyn Chamberlain; Treasurer, Gertude Gould. Plans were made for coming year. Our first meeting will be a Teacup Auction Thursday, October 17, 8 pm. at the home of Marion Schneider.

Beginning in November we will pick up again the meetings with Dr. Brallier we sponsored last spring. The emphasis is on growth through interpersonal relations. The group will meet every two weeks and continue so long as those participating feel it is aiding their own personal development. Meetings will be on first and third Tuesdays of each month at 10:30 am. The beginning session will be on Nov. 5. Persons in the community who wish to participate are invited to share in this growth experience.

Bette Seigerman and Marie Brallier are planning our Christmas celebration. The date for that program will be announced later.

We welcome all women in our church and community to participate in our activities.

Marie Brallier



The Williams report, developed from conversations with Monterey town officials and citizens, presents the following conceptions regarding the town's status and needs:

- 1) Those desiring to essentially halt all residential development at the present stage, allowing minimal growth.
- 2) Those desiring the development of a scientific land use and zoning analysis, designed to prevent certain types of growth, such as excessive lake front or commercial growth.
- 3) Those desiring to merely establish rough guidelines for any future growth.
- 4) Those desiring only a compilation of the town's resources, needs and projections to be used by the town as individual planning problems arise.

The students worked with all possible sources of information, including the Regional Planning Commission in Pittsfield; all government agencies and specialists to gather physical data on water resources, soils, septic and solid waste considerations, transportation requirements and possibilities, open space, zoning, wetlands, scenic mountains, Beartown State Forest, agricultural and recreational interests and considering the viewpoints of Monterey Selectmen, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Monterey's year-round as well as seasonal residents. From these sources the Williams group identified issues in terms of environment, long-range economic and social needs and the relation of Monterey to the overall Southern Berkshire region. Among the sources of information they used was a written survey of 26 questions sent to approximately 200 summer or seasonal residents of Monterey.

The Williams report makes the following observations:

- ...The rural character of Monterey is the one most valued resource of the town. Protection of Monterey's rural aspect is the greatest concern of all its citizens, year-round or seasonal.
- ...Monterey residents, year-round and seasonal, indicate a desired land-use policy of no development. People seem to like Monterey the way it is, and want to keep it that way as much as possible.
- ...In preserving Monterey at status quo, however, its citizens should be made aware of several factors which, preferably, should be considered with the guidance of professional planners. These are many and include such things as arranging different areas of residential zoning so that low and medium income families, as well as wealthier families, can live here; so that young families can be encouraged to become residents; so that the elderly can be adequately housed and cared for.
- ...Monterey residents should be more aware of--and therefore take better advantage of--legal developments involving protection of wetlands and flood plains and scenic mountain lands; tax abatements proposed by state legislators to encourage greater development of farming and agriculture and the preservation of woodland sites.

The report states, "The continued well-being of Monterey will depend to a large extent on maintaining and improving all kinds of recreational facilities."

The final statement of the report is that, "The overall action which Monterey is now taking will effectively plan the use of the town's resources to prevent a situation in future years where Monterey could possibly be in a position of not having any uncontaminated natural resources left to plan for and enjoy."

A DIFFERENCE IN THE MONTEREY NEWS AND THE REASON

Some of the readers of this issue may have noted that the arrangement and lay-out are not up to the usual standard. There is a very logical explanation for this. Patricia Howard, the editor, was in an automobile accident over several weeks ago and is still in the hospital. Her touch in assembling the material is sorely missed. She is now out of danger and is expected to return to her home within a week.

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